



Iowa's Health Improvement Plan 2012-2016

2015 Revisions

Preparedness and Response

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What Critical Needs Are Included

Human Resource Capacity
Planning
Technical and Communication Capacity

Measures of Progress

9-1 An increase in the number of public health emergency volunteers.

Target: 1,515 volunteers.

Baseline: 1,210 volunteers (2011).

Most Recent Data: 1,840 volunteers (2015).

Data Source: [Iowa Statewide Emergency Registry of Volunteers](#).

9-2 At least one general shelter that is fully accessible to persons with disabilities in 25% of the counties.

Target: 25 counties.

Baseline: 0 (2011).

Most Recent Data: 17 (2014).

Data Source: Iowa Department of Public Health Disability and Health Program Assessment Data (unpublished).



What Our State Is Doing to Improve (by 2016 unless otherwise indicated)

Human Resource Capacity

Lead Organizations

9-1.1 Increase by 25% membership (from 40 to 50 members) in the Iowa Mortuary Operations Response Team for sustaining mass fatality operations.

Office of the State Medical Examiner
(Iowa Department of Public Health)

- 9-1.2 Increase by 25% the number of volunteers registered on the Iowa Statewide Emergency Registry for Volunteers for supporting a response to a public health emergency.

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Planning

Lead Organizations

- 9-1.3 By 2014, assist county preparedness committees in identifying the tools, individuals, and resources needed to assess and develop a plan to make at least one general shelter in 25 counties fully accessible to persons with disabilities.

Center for Disabilities and Development, U of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics; Iowa Department of Public Health.

- 9-1.4 Provide evidence that all 99 county public health agencies have joined or formed health care coalitions with appropriate local partners to provide a comprehensive, sustained response to public health emergencies. *(Revised from original 9-1.5)*

Iowa Department of Public Health

Technical and Communication Capacity

Lead Organizations

- 9-1.5 Demonstrate the ability of county public health agencies to rapidly communicate public health emergency notifications to the public, stakeholders, and emergency responders.

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Other Plans Relating to Preparedness and Response:

[Iowa Olmstead Plan for Mental Health and Disability Services: State Plan Framework \(2011 - 2015\)](#)

[Iowa Strategy for Homeland Security and Emergency Management 2009-2014](#)